#### The Eruption of 1868.

The following account of the erup tion of 1868, near the spot of the present eruption will be of considerable interest to our readers. It is taken from Captain Dutton's work on Ha waiian Velcanoes. It will be noticed that the speed at which the lava then travelled was very much greater than that of the present flow. Captain Dut

Before sunrise on the morning of the 27th of March, 1868, people residing upon the northwestern and western parts of the island observed a great cloud of smoke or vapor suddenly shoot upwards from the summit of Manna Los to an immense altitude. illuminated by the glare of extensive fires beneath. After continuing to ascend for about an hour it was observed that smake or vapor ascended from several points below, along a line stretching southwestward from the smarrit. Soon after sunrise the entire mountain became obscured by the ordinsry trade wind clouds, and the whole scene was shut from view. The following night became clear, but, when the clouds had left, no trace of volcanie action was visible. Early in the day following (March 28) began a series of earthquakes, which gradually became more frequent, and lasted for a period of two weeks. The number of shocks could be reckoned only by thousands, the most violent of which ecurred on the 2d of April. For stant tremor, with now and then a shock of exceptional violence. At about 3 o'clock p.m. on the 2d of April. a prodigious earthquake shook the southern part of the island with tersiderable force throughout the entire

hours together the earth was in a conrible violence, and was felt with congroup of islands. Houses were overthrown or shaken down in ruins. Men and beasts were thrown upwards and prostrated. Trees swayed to and fro ike reeds in the wind, and a series of waves traversed the land, the earth opening in wide cracks on the crest of the wave and closing together in the trough. It was at this time that the great mud-flow already described took place at Kapapala. The southern coast of the island sank from two to eight feet in different places along an extent of 60 miles. A mighty wave rolling in from the sea-its crest reaching above the eccoanut trees upon the coast, and sweeping inland to a distance varying from half a mile to two miles-carried everything be fore it. In the space of a very few minutes eighty human beings, in a very scantily inhabited country, met a violent death. Hundreds of animals perished, and every structure was shaken from its foundations. Still the shocks continued with great frequency until the 8th of April, or a week after the great shock occurred. It was not until the 7th of April however, that the great eruption took place. About 7 oclock in the evening a great column of fire suddenly shot upward upon the southwestern slope of Manna Los, at a point situated about 3.700 feet above the sea. In a very he air was thick with vapor, which glowed with an intense light derived from the great fountains of lava beneath. These fountains were situated along a fissure, occupy ing about a mile of its length and interrupted only by short intervals. One great sheet of fiery liquid, judging from present appearances, must have been upwards of 2,000 feet in length, ranging up and down the mountain upon the brink of the cliff, which has already been described. The lava was poured forth with immense rapidity and in enormous volumes. In a little over two hours it had reached the sea. from ten to eleven miles distant. On its way it spread out into numerous streams, the largest of which lay at the base of the long faulted cliff already spoken of. At some parts of its course the lava ran with a velocity which was estimated by some of the

nodules of olivin, which constitute more than half the mass of the lava. The duration of this outbreak was exceptionally short, for it lasted only about four days. The quantity of material ejected was many times smaller than that from any of the eruptions of 1855, 1859, or 1881, al though it was, no doubt, many times greater than the largest eruption which was ever known to come from

miles per hour, and the estimated ve-

however, between them several narrow

places which were not overflowed.

Most of the lava is pahoehoe, though

here and there are some considerable

stretches of as, notably at the termin-

ations of the several branches of the

flow. All of it is olivinitie to an ex-

treme, and individual specimens can

be selected containing large grains or

This eruption also seems to have been attended with a greater amount of explosive violence than any other of which we have record. Apart from the earthquake shocks which preceded and followed it, an unusual quantity of vaporous products appears to have been given off. The air was filled with Pele's hair and volcanic dust, and great quantities of that exceedingly light basaltic pumice which is often found both at Kilaues and upon the summit of Mauna Loa were scattered far and wide over the country This pumice is so light that it may be carried to great distances by the wind. Much of it was carried out to sea and HATS AND CAPS was afterwards observed floating upon the ocean.

#### A Few Facts.

Lake Superior is usually credited with being the largest sheet of fresh water on the face of the globe. This s a mistake, for Lakes Huron and Michigan smally constitute a single lake, a lough its two portions have revery different names. The area of this la a is about 10,0 0 square miles FOR FANCY BOOK AND JOB

larger than Superior. There are great many misapprehensions of this kind perpetuated in stereotyped schoolbooks. The Trent is not credited with being the largest river in England, because it joins the Onse to form the Humber. Greenland is never considered worthy of mention as an island at all, although it is about as big as New Guinea and Borneo together. Hudson's Bay is more of a sea than the Baltic, but it remains a bay still. There are salt lakes in Australia bigger than the Dead Sea, but they are deemed unworthy of notice. The word "continent" defies definition. When the Suez Canal was cut it was remarked that Africa had become an island, and this is true, but only in the same sense that Europe and Asia combined form another Island.

#### The Truman and Joslyn Fend.

Farmer Truman of Kentucky, was up an apple tree the other day, handpicking a choice lot of seek-no-furthers, when along came Farmer Joslyn. As Farmer Joslyn had a shotgun with him, a careless observer might have reasoned that he was out gaining for quail. There was nothing of the careless observer about Farmer Truman, however. He didn't tumble from the tree right away, but he did tumble to Farmer Joslyn's errand, and he halted in his picking and called out:

"After me, eh!" "Jist so naybor."

"Well, I was sort o' expecting you. but not quite so early. Is this the same old feud-the one starting over a line fence forty-eight years ago?"
"Yes, the same old thing which has

caused the deaths of three Trumans and four Joslyns."

"Oh. I didn't know but something new had come up. Say, naybor, I'll be down in just a minit.

"I know you will, and you'll probably come head fust. I've come over this morning to shoot another Truman and kinder even up number.' "But I ain't armed. My shotgun is

in the house. "That's all the better for me, nay-

"But you'll give me a few minits in

which to say my prayers!"
"Oh, as to that, I don't mind 'lowing you three or four minits, though I'm in a hurry to git back home and go to cutting corn. Go ahead naybor."

Farmer Truman settled himself in a crotch and seemed to be praying, while Farmer Joslyn kept an eye on him, and impatiently waited to catch the concluding "amen." He was in this state of mind when a hole about as large as his arm was bored through him from back to front and a boy of fourteen came running up and called

"Pop! are you up there!"

"Yes, my son. "I saw he had the bulge on you and I got the gun and dropped him!" "Right my boy. That's what I was

praying for." "How many Joslyns does this

Five. We've only two more to

kill off to weed out the lot." "Well. I'll tell one of the niggers to go over and and see if the family want the body. Good-bye pa, I shall be

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